

**METHOD FOR SENDING A SHORT MESSAGE  
FROM A WIRELINE PHONE**

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**Abstract of the Disclosure**

The present invention provides a method for sending and receiving text messages using the wireline telephone network, common control switching arrangements, and  
10 commonly available equipment such as DTMF telephones and caller-ID devices. One wireline Short Message Service (SMS) application is a broadcast message system that can update parents of students who attend a school. Further applications include user-controlled lists, dynamic  
15 lists, Public Service Announcements, and news services. Call signaling methods are utilized to alert the receiving station of an incoming message and to deliver the message. Alerting options include using suppressed ringing to deliver a message without ringing the line as  
20 part of a calling name parameter during normal alerting, ISDN D-channel (out of band) message(s), or using normal ringing and sending the FSK after answer on an adjunct CPE or computer-only line. Additionally, a text message could be scheduled at a targeted date and time for  
25 delivery.